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Day 1

Arrive Broome, Western Australia/Rubibi

Where the red dirt meets the ocean, colourful **Broome/Rubibi** beckons travellers from around Australia and the world. Once a sleepy outback pearling town, Broome has long been renowned for its relaxed atmosphere and unique character. The town is surrounded by the tropical turquoise waters of the Indian Ocean, with the white sandy stretch of Cable Beach contrasting with the red rocks of Gantheaume Point and the dusky sands of Roebuck Bay. Learn about the rough and tumble early days of pearling, when Broome's name was known the world over for the size and quality of its mother of pearl. It is also the gateway to further adventure in the Kimberley region, with extended tours and cruises departing from Broome as well as car and campervan hire.



Shared Transfer Airport to Broome Cable Beach Hotel

Operated by Broome Transit

Accommodation at Oaks Cable Beach Resort

One Bedroom Apartment for 2 Nights

This resort is a 10-minute walk from the pristine sands of Cable Beach, 5-minute drive from Chinatown and the heart of Broome, and Roebuck Bay is a 12-minute drive away. It features studio and self contained apartments which have elegant modern designs that draw on traditional Broome architecture and colours. The beautifully appointed self-contained apartments are set around tropical lagoon pools, with the Kimberley region at your back door and have a covered outside courtyard or balcony areas.



Day 2

Broome, Western Australia/Rubibi

This morning is free to relax and explore on your own.

Afternoon Treasures of Broome Bus Tour

Operated by Broome and Around

Includes: Hotel pick up and drop off, lunch with a drink, Pearl Harvest and Pearl Meat tour, cocktail or non-alcoholic drinks for children.

Experience the true spirit of Broome on this 4 hour tour. Immerse yourself in Indigenous art at the Nagula Jarndu Aboriginal Women's Art and Resource Centre, and delve into the pearling history with a pearl harvest and tasting in Chinatown. Enjoy a Vietnamese lunch at Mr Saigon, then wrap up your day with a signature Mystery Cocktail and appetizers at the vibrant Broome Closet. Discover Broome's rich culture, flavours, and unique treasures all in one unforgettable tour. At the completion of your tour, you will be transferred to your Broome accommodation.

What to bring: *Wear comfortable shoes, hat, sunscreen and a refillable water bottle.*

Operates:

Duration: 4 hours | **Months:** Year Round | **Days:** Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri

Starts: 12.45pm | **Ends:** 4.45pm



Day 3
Depart Broome, Western Australia/Rubibi

This morning is free to relax and explore on your own.

8 Day Southern Quest - Broome to Hunter River

Operated by Kimberley Quest

Departs Tuesday

Arrives Tuesday

Includes: 1 x Visitors Pass Fees compulsory person

Hotel pick up and drop off, all meals, daily excursions, a helicopter flight over the Mitchell Falls, a light aircraft transfer from Hunter River to Broome and Visitor Pass Fees.

Note: Additional Visitor Pass fees may be introduced or change at any time, and must be paid prior to cruise departure.

Operates:

Duration: 8 Days/7 Nights | **Months:** Jun, Jul, Aug | **Days:** Selected Tuesday's

Starts: Broome Tue 4.30pm

Ends: Tue afternoon at Hunter River, then fly back to Broome arriving later in the afternoon

Note:

- Luggage allowance is maximum of 10kg/22lbs per person in soft bags. Any excess luggage may be stored in Kimberley Quest office in Broome.
- Many places of Indigenous cultural significance will be visited during the cruise. Visitor Pass fees apply to access these sites and are included in the cruise price.
- Kimberley Quest has the right to change the itinerary, the vessel, or cancel the cruise as a result of some unexpected event or prevailing weather conditions. Cruise departure/arrival times are approximate and can vary due to tides, weather, etc.
- Please don't arrange same day flights from Broome as unable to guarantee the arrival times.

Your Southern Quest begins when a courtesy vehicle picks you up from your accommodation at approximately 4.30pm and transfers you to the *Kimberley Quest II*, where you will be welcomed on board by your captain and crew. Enjoy a relaxing drink as you watch the sun dip below the horizon, while cruising past the famous Cable Beach.

Day 4

Buccaneer Archipelago, Dugong Bay, Talbot Bay

This morning will find you crossing the vast King Sound, cruising through the thousands of islands of the Buccaneer Archipelago. In and around Dugong Bay, you take a scenic tender excursion and cool off with a refreshing swim in one of the freshwater pools. Around the corner lies Talbot Bay, home to one of the icons of the Kimberley coast, the spectacular Horizontal Waterfalls. Take a tender and head in for an up-close and exhilarating ride through this natural phenomenon. In the afternoon take a scenic excursion up the back of Cyclone Creek to marvel at the amazing rock formations.

Day 5

Collier Bay, Montgomery Reef, Red Cone Creek

Early morning you fish in Collier Bay, your first chance to catch a Barramundi. You then cruise to the amazing Montgomery Reef, which covers more than 300km², making it Australia's largest inshore reef. Watch as the tide falls right before your eyes, creating a spectacular waterfall effect. Take a tender ride to view many marine species, including turtles and sea birds. Enjoy an afternoon cruise to Red Cone Creek for a refreshing swim at Ruby Falls or try your luck at mud crabbing.

Day 6

Doubtful Bay, Sale Rive, Raft Point

This morning you fish the inlets of Doubtful Bay for the elusive Barramundi and Threadfin Salmon. You then explore the Sale River and take an excursion upstream for a dip in the spring-fed rainforest pools, and on the journey home view ancient rock art from the tenders. In the afternoon you cruise towards Steep Island, anchor below Raft Point and walk to the caves perched on the hill. Here is some of the finest well-preserved Wandjina art in the Kimberley. From the top you have an amazing view of the Kimberley coast as the sun begins to set, capturing this unique landscape at its best.

Day 7

Kuri Bay, Camden Harbour

Relax on board as you cruise past Augustus Island and the remote pearling settlement of Kuri Bay. At nearby Camden Harbour, you visit the forlorn settler's graves on Sheep Island and soak up the history of the first European settlement in the 1860s. In the afternoon take a tender excursion for a spot of exploration. Have a go at fishing or collect rock oysters, before unwinding on the sundeck to take in the beautiful scenery.

Day 8

Prince Regent River, King Cascade, Cathedral Falls

Early morning you cruise through St George Basin, a stunning inland sea. Leaving the vista of mighty Mt Trafalgar and Mt Waterloo, you cruise up the Prince Regent River, marvelling at the pristine waterway that cuts through sandstone cliffs and gorges. Arriving at the King Cascade waterfalls, which is spring fed, marvel at the rush of water cascading in breathtaking tiers, surrounded by lush ferns and a myriad

of wildlife. Climb above the falls for an unforgettable swim in a massive crystal clear pool. Be rewarded with a breathtaking view over the magnificent Prince Regent River in the distance - wilderness adventuring at its best! Late afternoon join your guides for an excursion to Cathedral Falls, while spotting crocodiles and flying foxes. Alternatively fish the Prince Regent River which is renowned for big Barra and Threadfin Salmon.

Day 9

Prince Regent river, Camp Creek, Careening Bay

Wake early morning for your last chance to catch a Barra in the rich waters of the Prince Regent River. Visit Camp Creek, a beautiful waterway lined with weeping paperbarks where you can enjoy a walk to the top of the falls for another memorable swim. In the afternoon you cruise out of the Prince Regent River and visit Careening Bay, site of an ancient boab tree first visited in 1820 by Phillip Parker King. Relax on board to another spectacular sunset as the sun sinks below the Kimberley horizon, while you cross Prince Frederick Harbour towards the Hunter River.

Day 10

Hunter River to Broome, Western Australia/Rubibi

In the morning you explore the spectacular Hunter River, one of the most scenic rivers for a relaxing ride in the tenders as you spot ancient rock art, crocodiles and flying foxes, taking in the flora and fauna of the Kimberley for the last time. Depart the *Kimberley Quest II* by helicopter where you will enjoy a scenic flight over the Mitchell Falls. At the Mitchell Plateau airstrip you will board a light aircraft and discover the immensity of the Kimberley. Return to Broome by sunset where the team will transfer you to your accommodation.



Accommodation at Oaks Cable Beach Resort

One Bedroom Apartment for 1 Night

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Day 11

Depart Broome, Western Australia/Rubibi

Shared Transfer Broome Cable Beach Hotel to Airport

Operated by Broome Transit

End of your arrangements

Travel Tips

From the Outback to the Reef, Australia is a land of great diversity. It offers stunning scenery, spectacular white sand beaches and a wide range of interesting and unique animals. Take a journey with us through this magnificent land.

Business Hours

General retail trading hours throughout Australia are Monday to Friday 9.00am – 5.00pm. Saturday is either 9.00am - 12 noon or through to 5.00pm. Sunday shopping is available in most city centres and suburban malls. Please check with your Hotel Concierge for local information on trading hours.

Currency

The Australian dollar is the basic unit, divided into 100 cents; coins are 5c, 10c, 20c, 50c, \$1, \$2 and notes are \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50 and \$100. Due to the discontinuation of 1c, 2c pieces, purchases made in Australia are subject to "rounding" of amounts either up or down. Most retailers have adopted the 'Swedish Rounding System' whereby prices ending in 1 to 4 cents will be rounded down and prices ending in 6 to 9 cents will be rounded up.

Banking/Travellers' Cheques

Banks open Monday-Friday (except public holidays), 9.30am-4.30pm. Automatic teller machines operate on a card/PIN number system. Cash can be withdrawn 24 hours a day. Use of EFTPOS (Electronic Funds Transfer at Point of Sale) is common. All international credit cards (American Express, Diners, VISA, and MasterCard) are accepted. Travellers' cheques may be changed at banks and hotels.

Goods & Services Tax (GST)

Goods and Services are taxed 10%. This tax is usually included in the advertised price.

Tipping Guidelines

In Australia tipping is generally not customary and is only exercised as a genuine thank you for receiving great service. There is no obligation to tip, although the practice is common within the restaurant and tourism transport industries.

Tips for good service:

1. Restaurants, a tip of about 10% is generally sufficient for good service with 15% for exceptional service.
2. Luggage Porters AU\$2.00 per piece.
3. Coach drivers and guides receive for touring (not transfers) around the AU\$5.00 per person per day, however tips should not be given for average or below average service/driving or commentary.
4. Private Drivers for transfers should be only tipped for excellent service (around AU\$10-20 total). The same applies for touring with a Driver/Guide, with tips for excellent service being anywhere from AU\$40-100 depending on the level of service.
5. Small group touring should be only tipped for excellent service (around AU\$20 per person).

Electricity Supply

Australia's electrical current is 220/240 volts accepting 3-pin plugs. An adaptor can be used but it is important to note that they do not convert voltage. Universal outlets for 240v or 110v shavers are usually found in leading hotels.

Emergencies

Dial 000 for police, fire or ambulance services.

Telephone Local Area Codes

Australia uses 8-digit local phone numbers preceded by a 2-digit STD area code.

02 Central east region (NSW) New South Wales, (ACT) Australian Capital Territory

03 South east region (VIC) Victoria and (TAS) Tasmania

04 Mobile telephones Australia-wide

07 North east region (QLD) Queensland

08 Central and west region (WA) Western Australia, (SA) South Australia and (NT) Northern Territory

For example, if you are calling Canberra in the ACT from interstate, first dial the STD area code 02, then dial the local phone number.

Health Services

Public and private health facilities have a high standard of treatment and care. Larger hotels often have a local doctor on call; otherwise, doctors and other medical services are listed in the front of the local telephone directory.

Pharmaceuticals and Medicines

These are available from chemists/pharmacies during normal shopping hours. Most cities have urgent dispensaries open outside these hours and your Hotel Concierge will have a list of these. Chemists also sell cosmetics, insect repellent and sun protections.

Climate

The southern parts of Australia have four distinct seasons, the opposite of those in the northern hemisphere. When it is winter in Europe and North America, it is summer in Australia. You will hardly see snow, apart from the mountainous regions in eastern Victoria and southern New South Wales. Australia's north is in the tropics which has two seasons, the dry and the wet; both have high temperatures year round. The centre has a typical desert climate, hot days and cool , which can be very cold in winter.

Sun Protection

Due to Australia's high level of ultraviolet radiation it is highly advisable to wear sun protection such as sunglasses and/or a sun hat and to apply sunblock (SPF 30+) even when the day is overcast.

Water Supply

Tap (faucet) water is safe to drink. City water is chlorinated; most water is fluoridated. Water sourced from rivers and lakes should be boiled or treated before drinking.

Time Differences, Time Zones and Daylight Saving

Australia's East Coast is 10 hours ahead of GMT (Greenwich Mean Time) during the months of April to September (Standard Time) each year. With a land mass close to 7.7 million square kilometres, Australia is the world's sixth largest country and during Standard Time it is divided into three separate time zones.

Time Zones:

Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST)

Covers the eastern states of Queensland, New South Wales (with the exception of the town of Broken Hill), Victoria, Tasmania and the Australian Capital Territory.

AEST is equal to Coordinated Universal Time plus 10 hours (UTC +10).

Australian Central Standard Time (ACST)

Covers the state of South Australia, the town of Broken Hill in western New South Wales and the Northern Territory.

ACST is equal to Coordinated Universal Time plus 9.5 hours (UTC +9.5).

Australian Western Standard Time (AWST)

Covers Western Australia.

AWST is equal to Coordinated Universal Time plus 8 hours (UTC +8).

Daylight Saving:

Daylight Saving Time (DST) is the practice of advancing clocks one hour during the warmer months of the year. In Australia, Daylight saving is observed in New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, Tasmania and the Australian Capital Territory.

Daylight Saving Time begins at 2.00am on the first Sunday in October, when clocks are put forward one hour. It ends at 2.00am (which is 3.00am Daylight Saving Time) on the first Sunday in April, when clocks are put back one hour.